

BY TELEGRAPH.

EUROPE.

MINISTER MOTLEY IN LIVERPOOL.—HIS ADDRESS—BRITISH IMPORT DUTIES.

LONDON, June 1.—In reply to the address of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, Minister Motley was very pacific. He deprecated hostilities between the two countries as adverse to the happiness of the people, the progress of civilization, and the best hope of humanity. He made a strong point of the blood alliance between the United States and England, and in conclusion said: "My most strenuous efforts shall be devoted to further a good understanding on the basis of lasting friendship and kindly relations, in accordance with the great principles of justice and honor, which are the immutable and only safe and enduring guides in the conduct of nations."

The duty on imported breadstuffs is one shilling per quarter, and on grain grain. The duty on flour is abolished, and hereafter foreign grain and flour will enter British ports free of duty.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 1.—The Czar has signed his intention to send an envoy extraordinary to Washington, to congratulate Grant and express the Czar's appreciation of the value of the maintenance of amicable relations between America and Russia.

FINAL PASSAGE OF THE IRISH CHURCH BILL.—THE DESTRUCTION OF MINISTERS' MOTLEY.

LONDON, June 1.—The Irish Church bill passed to third reading by a vote of 361 to 237, with upwards of 100 members of the ministerial benches. Nearly all the journals have articles to-day on the presentation of the bill to the House, and discuss the probable future relations between Great Britain and the United States. The Times, after congratulating Sumner's speech in the Senate with Motley's language, hopes that the peaceful tendency of the latter is not a tribute to appeasement, but a real practical indication of the intention of his government. Setting aside all controversies with Great Britain, the Times assures Motley a hearty welcome. The Times is assured that both the government and the people of the nation will reciprocate his friendly expressions.

THE SPANISH REPUBLICANS.

MADRID, June 1.—It is reported that the Republican members will not oppose a final vote in the Cortes on the question of the future form of government for Spain, but will unanimously refuse to subscribe to oaths prescribed by the new constitution.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

HAVANA, June 1.—The troops are in active pursuit of the insurgents who landed at the Bay of Nipe. They have captured three of their cannon, and have killed Manuel Quereza, the commander of the rebels. Heavy engagements have taken place at Sancti Spiritus. The insurgents have been driven from the vicinity of Los Tunos, and a skirmish is reported near Cienfuegos, between the regulars and insurgents.

Duke's arrest.—A number of persons prisoners to Spain have been released.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Wm. A. Pile has been appointed Governor of New Mexico. This disposes of Colonel Crow, of Alabama, the ex-Confederate appointed and confirmed, but subsequently found disqualified.

The revenue yesterday was nearly \$3,000,000, arising principally from income.

The Tallapoosa takes President Grant and party to the naval base at Annapolis, on Thursday.

The President has appointed R. H. Quay Register of the land office at New Orleans.

The debt statement is not ready. The decrease will not reach ten million, but will show a heavy coin and currency balance.

Bassett, the colored Minister to Hayti, is made to say: "The President was very emphatic and at the same time very cautious in expressing himself about the policy of annexation." He said his own views were in favor of such policy, but he thought in all cases the people of a country to be annexed should first show themselves anxious for union with us, and that then it would be a subject for the consideration of our government.

The State Department is still without advice regarding Minister McMahon.

IMMIGRATION TO ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, June 1.—The State Immigration Convention convened to-day, and is well attended from different parts of the State. Much interest has been manifested, and a plan for providing homes and securing emigrants is in a fair way of being adopted.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The waiters at nearly all the New York hotels have struck for higher wages.

In Philadelphia, yesterday, Mrs. Charles J. Winter was thrown from a carriage and killed.

The British brig Jan. Crow, with molasses, from Olanchoque for New York, was wrecked on the 23d ult. The crew were saved.

The corner-stone of the Atlanta University, (colored) an institution on the plan of the Oberlin and Howard Universities, was laid in the presence of a large crowd, at Atlanta, yesterday.

The manager of the Odeon Theatre, in Paris, has played the government a bad trick by having Ponsard's splendid tragedy, "L'Ecrotie," performed during the last two weeks previous to the elections. The subject of the tragedy is the expulsion of the Kings from Rome and the establishment of the republic. The house was crowded every night, and every passage alluding to the Tarquins was cheered to the echo. The most frantic applause burst forth when the old Roman said: "Some, such as it is, has no need of a master." The whole audience rose, and the performance was interrupted for nearly two minutes.

There is no need of any further dispute about the Alabama claims. Punch has settled it, and announces that "Mr. Punch himself has paid Mr. Sumner's bill. The handwriting of the latter being indistinct, Mr. Punch is not quite sure whether he asks for two hundred and fifty millions or billions, and therefore has sent over the latter sum. If there is a balance, Mr. Sumner can keep it for himself, or lay it out in building a lunatic asylum into which, if the quarrel should really arise, the people of the United States will be well to insert every public man they have, from never Sumner down to drunken Chandler."

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

The White Gains in the County Elections.—The Negro Postmaster.—Decorations of Federal Soldiers' Graves.—Volapedia.—Crops.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

COLUMBIA, May 31.—The county elections in Richland, held on the 25th, went for the Radicals, by a majority of 302. A victory for that party was expected on all hands; but the smallness of the majority is a very gratifying fact. A retrospect will show how far this majority indicates a victory for law, order and intelligent rule. On the 17th of April, 1868, the new constitution was submitted to the people, and Richland County gave 2501 votes for, and 1248 against the constitution—a Radical or negro majority of 1253. On the 2d of June, the same year, an election of county officers was held, in which the Radicals cast 2268 votes to 1152 by the whites—a majority of 1106. In November came the Presidential election, in which there was a grand rally of both parties; the Radicals cast 2476 and the whites 1389—a majority of 1087. In the election of county officers, coroner and school commissioner, held last Tuesday, the Radicals cast 1260 votes, and the whites 938—a majority of 302. Is not that a triumph of law and order?—so decided a gain as to be full of the best hopes? In these four contests the scale of decreasing Radical majorities has been—1253, 1106, 1087, 302. The increasing loss of the Radical majority is—147, 166, 951.

It will be apparent that the aggregate vote of the negroes has fallen off vastly since November—down from 2476 down to 1260, nearly one-half. This is due in part to the minor importance of the positions to be filled; but, in addition to that, there is a manifest weariness of political excitement growing upon the negro. He has been brought up to the polls so often with promises of bacon and corn, (not to mention the acres and the mule,) and the bacon and corn have so invariably failed to come, that he is losing faith in such promises. Further, the issue last Tuesday was one fairly between the races; white men were pitted against negroes. There was W. T. Walter against S. B. Thompson, negro, for coroner; and A. R. Bude against N. E. Edwards, negro, for school commissioner.

However little the community may be disposed to recognize in the results—Thompson, negro, coroner, and Edwards, negro, school commissioner—everybody rejoices in the fact that negroes have been elected rather than white adventurers from abroad, or the even more obnoxious rascals who are striving to gain position by their treachery to their own people.

The nearer we draw the less power the negro party has. In the County of Richland, the negro majority is 302; in Columbia township (six miles square) the results were evenly divided—three officers elected by each party last week; and in the City of Columbia the whites have control of all municipal elections.

THE NEGRO POSTMASTER.

On the first of June, Wilder is to enter upon the duties of his office as Postmaster of Columbia. It is generally understood that Mr. P. B. Glass is to be his successor. How the community will get on with these officials, depends upon the style they assume. Mr. Glass was several years ago connected with the office while his late brother was postmaster. It is hoped that he may prove a conciliatory element, should any be wanted.

DECORATION OF UNION GRAVES.

Pursuant to order, the soldiers of the garison here, assisted by the colored children of the Howard School for Freedmen, last Saturday dressed the graves of the Federal soldiers, who died or were killed here during the war. Music, a procession, wreaths of flowers, a prayer, and song—by the negro school children, made up the exercises of the occasion. This was all proper enough. Respect for the dead is well. The taste of making the negroes so prominent in the ceremony is, perhaps, not the best; and so will think many a Union soldier who took part in these proceedings. But then, that is only a question of taste, and tastes differ.

The orders under which this ceremony was conducted emanated, at this point, from one C. J. Stollbrand, commander-in-chief of the State penitentiary, who rejoices in the more euphonious title of "Provisional Department Commander" (?); and in those orders Columbia is designated as "Sherman Post No. 2"—a designation eminently suggestive; but isn't there too decided a smack of the Memphisian in it to be decent, coming as it does from a party that has ceased so sulkily dolefully about letting us have peace?

VOLOPEDIA.

A volapedia risk has been open among us here for three or four days. The engineer of the concern comes from Augusta, and is meeting with fair success. He has half a dozen vehicles, which are kept pretty busy, both day and evening. He does not recommend the volapedia as a thing useful for locomotion, but as a fine thing for gymnastic exercise, especially useful to sedentary persons. How long the favor in which volapedia now rejoices will continue, remains to be seen.

CORR.

Some wheat has been harvested, and seems heavy-eared.

Oatmeal is looking up decidedly, and farmers seem a shade less blue.

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The Washington correspondent of the New York Express tells this singular story: "The attempt of the late Congress to defraud Mr. Harvey, the American Minister at Lisbon, of his salary for three years, in consequence of a private letter to Mr. Seward in defense of President Johnson, is well known. The present Congress, however, did not imitate the bad example of its predecessor, but made the requisite appropriation of \$20,000 for the three years' salary. It will gratify all the friends of honesty and fair dealing to know that Mr. Harvey received his salary regularly during the whole period referred to—his quarterly drafts on Baring Brothers always being accepted by Mr. Seward, and the amount paid by the Baring being reimbursed out of the surplus fund of consular fees. Had Mr. Seward allowed our minister's drafts to be dishonored, the government would undoubtedly have been subjected to heavy damages in the court of claims. The misdeed of the Radical Congress, therefore, far from being a crime, was a perfectly just and legal manner."

—The Empress Eugenie presented to the Pope, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the priesthood, twenty-five thousand Napoleons, and the Emperor Napoleon sent him a set of magnificent vestments.

A FREE EMPIRE.

[From the Imperialist, May 29.]

Some of our most thoughtful and considerate contemporaries complain that the Imperialist, while pointing to a strong central government as the only cure for the troubles of the nation, does so in vague and general terms, without explaining fully what we propose. The complaint is in part just, but only in part. It is difficult, in the midst of a discussion involving such widely varied and complicated interests, to determine the limits or declare its results. We have, in short, no "out and dried" Utopia to offer or describe, and prefer to deal simply with the great central ideas. We regard the cause of good government in Europe as progressing favorably, but not only the origin and past history of the existing empires of the Old World, but their present condition and future prospects, are so full of interest to us, that we cannot but be attracted to them, for examples of the successful working of our principles. Like our own nation, they are too heavily encumbered with the wreckage and rubbish of the past, and, like them, we shall find our own development the slow and painful result of thought and labor. The business to which the Imperialist has devoted his pen is to call the attention of the Western Empire to the careful discussion which alone can so prepare the way as to render sudden and disastrous convulsions unnecessary.

As a sort of starting point for such a discussion we present a few plain propositions. Our government is not now what our fathers intended, nor what the present generation would have it.

It has ceased to be in any true sense a republic. It is a "cancer government," as distinguished from an autocracy, a limited monarchy, or the representative form from which we intend to emerge.

We have lost individual freedom and self-government, without securing the strength which is due in the councils of the world, or obtaining a pure and vigorous administration of our laws.

Our people are no longer fitted for self-government—themselves fully recognizing that fact—and have not yet voluntarily surrendered that prerogative, but have ceased to educate themselves for it.

The venality and corruption in every department of public administration, the extravagance, oppression and lawlessness, have rendered the present system of government nothing in our present system offers us any hope for the future.

The character of our population is yearly growing worse, with a prospect of receiving from the great cities of Europe a still more deteriorated and degraded element, and a still more numerous importation from Europe. Such a people cannot, in any true sense, be "represented" by men selected under the caucus method.

Thus far we have little fear of any contradiction from those who are observing men; but we must go further.

The idea of Empire does not necessarily imply tyranny, caste distinctions—other than the racial and religious—nor does it imply the hereditary rule of a few families, or the inheritance thereof as now exists and is inevitable—nor does it require the abandonment by the people of all such control of their own local affairs as they are competent and willing to exercise.

We are very little for names, for a comparison of our condition with that of other nations is too clearly upon us to need of value. We maintain the principle of a government which will be strong enough to hold this continent together, and steadily adjust the now jarred interests of the different sections and races, and to govern such a people having no control of our foreign relations and of all administration not purely local and municipal.

The determination of the limits of its power and the methods of its action must be left to the future, but, in an important theme for present discussion.

We deem it certain that under such a government we should secure a more substantial and beneficial republic than we have at present, and all interests that are possible under the present caucous system.

The rights of minorities would be more secure, and the interests of the majority more protected. The character of the ruler for the time being is of far less importance than the nature of the institutions of which he would form but the head and representative. If the Emperor-in-charge should be so wicked as to be a tyrant, or so stupid as to be a fool, he would be far less powerful for evil than a vicious President or a turbulent and venal Congress, nor could he by any means escape a perpetual reprobation of the entire people.

It is not for the exercise of the minute oppressions which we now groan under, and his reign might be truly said to continue "during good behavior."

The benefits of such a form of government would be that we should secure a pure judiciary; a simplification and reduction of the entire civil service; a more efficient and just administration of the law; and a more rapid and economical national growth and development, with a careful protection of the nation's honor, at home and abroad. In return for these and many more advantages, we should have a longer distance with the aid of instruments of power, and a good deal of nonsense has been talked about the Chinaman's want of stamina, and his inferiority to the white laborer in point of strength and capacity, and a few days of the Chinaman's labor in the field, his tenacity of point; for numerous experiments have been made during its construction, with a view to test the respective capabilities of the two races. The Chinaman's strength and tenacity of point is not less than that of the white man, and a party of Chinamen were pitted against each other in blasting a hard rock for a tunnel. 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